

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1    1. An apparatus for use on a bottom hole assembly (BHA) for conveying in a  
2                  borehole in an earth formation, the apparatus comprising:  
3                  (a) an orientation sensor making measurements indicative of a toolface angle  
4                          of said BHA during rotation of the BHA;  
5                  (b) at least one resistivity sensor for making measurements of a resistivity of  
6                          said earth formation during said continued rotation; and  
7                  (c) a processor for determining from said resistivity measurements and said  
8                          orientation sensor measurements a apparent dip angle between an  
9                          axis of said borehole and an interface in said earth ormation  
10                 wherein said BHA has a non-uniform rate of rotation.
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- 1    2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said interface is a bed boundary.
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- 1    3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said interface is an oil-water contact.
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- 1    4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one resistivity sensor comprises  
2                  two axially spaced apart resistivity sensors.
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- 1    5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one resistivity sensor comprises a

2           galvanic sensor.

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1   6.   The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said galvanic sensor comprises a focused  
2       sensor.

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1   7.   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor comprises an induction  
2       sensor.

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1   8.   The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said induction sensor comprises a sensor having  
2       a coil with an axis inclined to an axis of said BHA.

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1   9.   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said resistivity sensor comprises a plurality of  
2       transmitter-receiver spacings and further comprises circuitry for measuring at  
3       least one of (i) an amplitude difference, and, (ii) a phase difference of signals  
4       measured at said plurality of spacings.

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1   10.   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said orientation sensor is associated with a first  
2       processor and said at least one resistivity sensor is associated with a second  
3       processor, said first and second processors being on a common bus.

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1   11.   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said orientation sensor comprises a  
2       magnetometer.

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1 12. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said orientation sensor comprises an  
2 accelerometer.

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1 14. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said processor further determines a bias in said  
2 orientation measurements.

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1 15. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said orientation sensor comprises a pair of  
2 magnetometers, and wherein said processor further determines a scale factor  
3 relating the outputs of the two magnetometers.

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1 16. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said resistivity sensor is mounted on one of (i) a  
2 pad, (ii) a rib, and, (iii) a stabilizer.

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1 18. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said processor further controls a drilling  
2 direction of said borehole based on said apparent dip angle.

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1 19. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said processor determines said apparent dip  
2 angle based on an apparent rate of penetration.

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1 20. A method of determining a dip characteristic of an earth formation, the method  
2 comprising:

3 (a) conveying a bottom hole assembly (BHA) into a borehole in an earth  
4 formation;  
5 (b) using an orientation sensor on said BHA for making measurements  
6 indicative of a toolface angle of said BHA during rotation of the  
7 BHA;  
8 (c) using at least one resistivity sensor on said BHA for making  
9 measurements of a resistivity of said earth formation during said continued  
10 rotation; and  
11 (d) determining from said resistivity measurements and said  
12 orientation sensor measurements said dip characteristic of said earth  
13 formation, said determination correcting for a non-uniform rate of  
14 rotation of said BHA.

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1 21. The method of claim 20 further comprising using said determined dip  
2 characteristic for controlling a drilling direction of said borehole.

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1    22. The method of claim 20 wherein said dip characteristic comprises a apparent dip  
2       angle between an axis of said borehole and a bed boundary in said earth  
3       formation.

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1    23. The method of claim 20 wherein determining said dip characteristic further  
2       comprises using measurements from an additional resistivity sensor spaced apart  
3       axially from said at least one resistivity sensor.

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1    24. The method of claim 20 wherein the at least one resistivity sensor comprises a  
2       galvanic sensor.

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1    25. The method of claim 24 wherein said galvanic sensor comprises a focused sensor.

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1    26. The method of claim 20 wherein said at least one resistivity sensor comprises an  
2       induction sensor.

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1    27. The metod of claim 26 wherein said induction sensor comprises a sensor having  
2       a coil with an axis inclined to an axis of said BHA.

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1    28. The method of claim 20 wherein said resistivity sensor comprises a plurality of  
2       transmitter-receiver spacings, and using said resistivity sensor further comprises a  
3       making measurements of at least one of (i) and amplituded difference, and, (ii) a

4 phase difference of signals measured at said plurality of spacings.

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1 29. The method of claim 20 further comprising coupling a first processor associated  
2 with said orientation sensor and a second processor associated with the at least  
3 one resistivity sensor to a common bus.

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1 30. The method of claim 20 wherein said orientation sensor comprises a  
2 magnetometer.

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1 31. The method of claim 20 wherein said orientation sensor comprises an  
2 accelerometer.

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1 32. The method of claim 20 further comprising using a gyroscope for providing a  
2 measurement indicative of an inclination and azimuth of said borehole.

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1 33. The method of claim 20 further comprising determining a bias in said  
2 orientation measurements.

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1 34. The method of claim 20 wherein said orientation sensor comprises a pair of  
2 magnetometers, the method further comprising determining a scale factor  
3 relating the outputs of the two magnetometers.

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1    35.    The method claim 20 wherein said resistivity sensor is mounted on one of (i) a  
2                    pad, (ii) a rib, and, (iii) a stabilizer.

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1    36.    The method of claim 20 further comprising obtaining an image of said borehole.

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1    37.    The method of claim 36 further comprising correcting said image.

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38.    The method of claim 36 further comprising identifying tool face angles associated  
with a sticking of the BHA.